Monday, January 24th - TAG call highlights

- 1. Reminder to submit Variance Applications (v2.1) The Division reminded payers that variance request applications should have been submitted in its most complete and most recent form using version 2.1 of the application.
- 2. The Division addressed other payer specific technical questions.
- 3. With no other questions to address, the Division concluded the meeting at 2:45pm.

Tuesday, January 25th - TAG call highlights

- 1. Production File Submissions The Division noted payer concerns that submitting production files by the January 31st deadline would be an effort that requires several days of work. The Division stated that further guidance would be provided to address this issue.
- 2. The Division addressed other payer specific technical questions.
- 3. With no other questions to address, the Division concluded the meeting at 2:30pm.

Wednesday, January 26th - TAG call highlights

 APCD Data Submission Revised Timeline & Administrative Bulletin – The Division informed payers of a revision to the data submission deadline that is outlined in the administrative bulletin (<u>link</u>). The Division will provide additional resources to address specific questions regarding the filing of the member eligibility file and the provider file in an updated document from the FAQ package – APCD Summary Filing Requirements.

The text from the administrative bulletin is copied below:

Administrative Bulletin 11-05

114.5 CMR 21.00: Health Care Payers Claims Data Submission January 26, 2011

This is to notify Health Care Payers required to submit claims data to the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (Division) under 114.5 CMR 21.00 that the Division will extend the deadlines for Payers to submit claims data.

As summarized in the table below, Payers will be required to submit monthly claims data for November 2010, December 2010, and January 2011 by February 28, 2011. Thereafter, Payers will begin monthly data submission in March 2011 for claims for the prior month. Payers will be required to submit claims data for calendar years 2008 and 2009, and data for the period from January 2010 to October 2010 by no later than May 31, 2011.

Data Reporting Period	Data Reported by
November 2010 December 2010 January 2011	February 28, 2011

February 2011	March 31, 2011
March 2011	April 30, 2011
April 2011	May 31, 2011
Calendar Year 2008 Calendar Year 2009 January 1, 2010 – October 31, 2010	May 31, 2011

Beginning with the February 28, 2011 submission, a Payer's monthly claims data submission will be measured against thresholds as set forth in the Payer's variance requests where applicable. Payers may suggest adjustments to proposed thresholds based on their production files, but must have a Division approved and certified variance request no later than May 31, 2011. The Division's standard thresholds will apply in all other instances.

In accordance with the Health Care Quality and Cost Council's Administrative Bulletin 5.00, Payers are no longer required to submit any additional data to the Council, including the monthly claims data for December 2010.

Thursday, January 27th - TAG call highlights

*Note: Meeting notes for this call were not originally distributed to TAG call participants. The Division is, however, providing the following summary as a resource for payers.

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Friday, January 28th - TAG call highlights - CANCELLED